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1. SWISS POLITICAL DEPT ADVISES RECEIPT TELEGRAM FROM SWISS EMBASSY HAVANA WITH FOLLOWING CONTENT:

TELEGRAM WITH TEXT OF UNITED STATES PROTEST CONCERNING INCIDENT IN WHICH CUBAN SHIPS FIRED ON UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AFTER PRIME MINISTER CASTRO HAD MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT SUCH INCIDENT HAD NOT OCCURRED. AT 1227 HOURS LOCAL ON SEPT 1, AMBASSADOR STABELHOFFER PERSONALLY PRESENTED TEXT OF PROTEST NOTE TO VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TORRAS. TORRAS STATED TEXT OF STATEMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED VIA PRESS AGENCY, AND WOULD NOT BE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED ALTHOUGH TORRAS RECEIVED NOTE ON PERSONAL BASIS FROM AMBASSADOR STABELHOFFER. AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED INSIST NOTE BE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED BUT TORRAS WITH TWO OF HIS OWN SUBORDINATES WITNESSING DECLINED TAKE NOTE EXCEPT ON PERSONAL BASIS.

2. SWISS POLITICAL DEPT EXPECTS DETAILED REPORT OF ATTEMPT TO PASS NOTE VIA POUCH.

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